



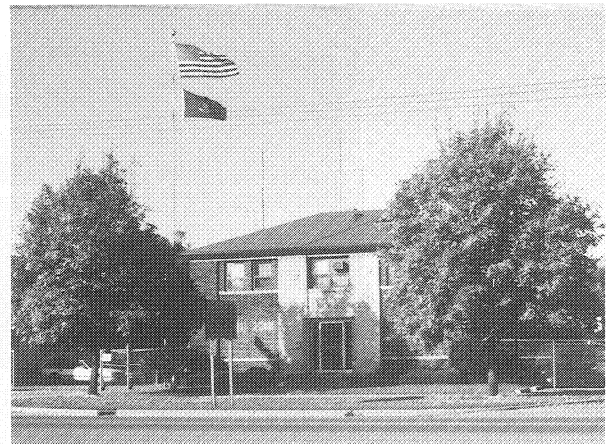
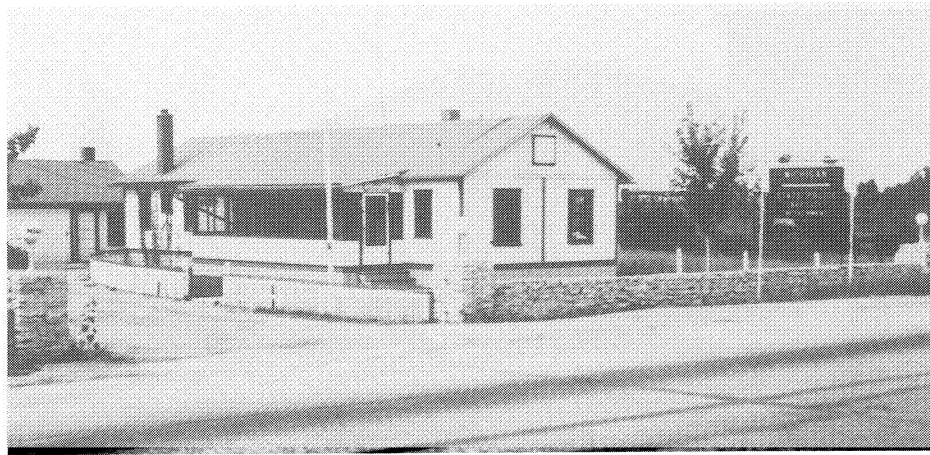
THIRD DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS
(Sta. 30)

411-B East Genesee Avenue, Saginaw, 48607

Capt. Albert A. Towne established headquarters for his Third Troop of the Michigan State Constabulary at Port Huron in 1917 to guard against German sabotage at the Grand Trunk Railroad tunnel to Canada. A detachment was soon also stationed in Flint to prevent labor unrest at munitions plants. After the war, the reorganized Michigan State Police transferred Third Troop Headquarters to Flint under Capt. Caesar J. Scavarda. Captain Scavarda opened another detachment at Saginaw, and he technically commanded all State Police detachments in southeastern Michigan, including Detroit and Monroe Counties. When Captain Scavarda took over command of the Uniform Division and training schools at East Lansing in 1924, a succession of lieutenants acted as commander of the Flint District until Capt. Archie Downing assumed command in 1929.

The location and activity of Lt. Joe Kearney's new Bay City Post (transferred from Saginaw in 1926) prompted Commissioner Oscar G. Olander to choose Bay City as Third District Headquarters when he established the present district system in 1931. Captain Kearney's Bay City Headquarters was one of the old constabulary's original wooden barracks, moved from East Lansing. Third District Headquarters and the Bay City Post began sharing a new brick WPA barracks in 1937.

Third District Headquarters, under Capt. Lawrence E. Miller, moved into its present location in the State Office Building in Saginaw in December, 1982.



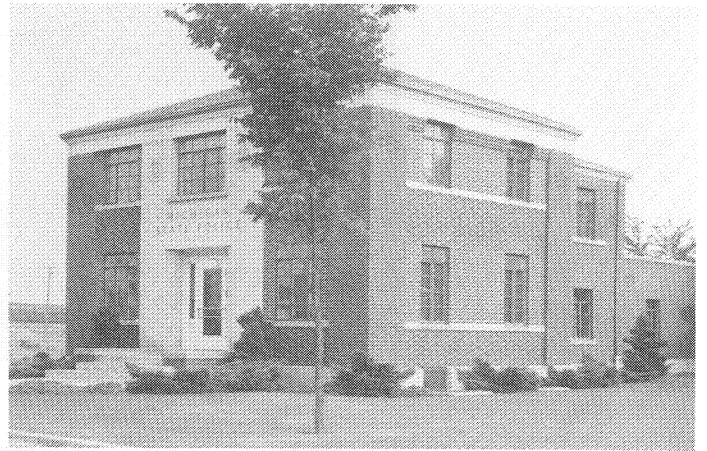
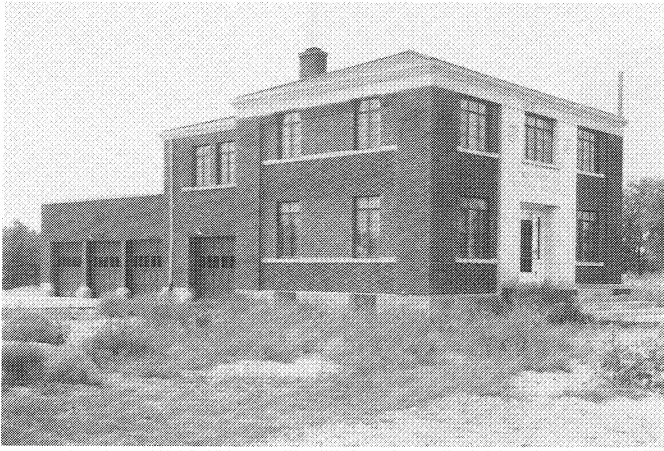
BAY CITY POST
(Post 31)

405 N. Euclid Avenue, Bay City, 48706

After the Michigan State Police closed the Saginaw Detachment in 1926, Lt. Joe Kearney, the former Saginaw commander, opened a new post at Bay City in a rented room in a home on Farragut Street in November, 1926. Joined by Cpl. Bruce McGlone and three recruits in 1927, Kearney rented a house at 809 N. Sherman Street for a new post. The Bay City Post originally served nine counties.

When the old wooden constabulary barracks were dismantled at East Lansing in 1928, Lieutenant Kearney had one brought to Bay City on a flatbed trailer and re-assembled near the intersection of state highway M-23 and Henry Street. The troopers modified this portable home to make it more comfortable. Third District Headquarters also began operating from the Bay City Post in 1931.

The Bay City Post and Third District Headquarters moved into a new brick WPA barracks at 405 N. Euclid Avenue in April, 1937. Growing pains prompted Third District Headquarters to move to Saginaw in 1982.



EAST TAWAS POST
(Post 32)

410 North US-23, East Tawas, 48730

The Michigan State Police first established a post at East Tawas in 1936. This was shortly after the Iosco County Sheriff and three other citizens were murdered, and also after a departmental survey indicated the need for a post to handle the annual influx of tourists along Lake Huron.

Under the command of Sgt. Hiram Grimason, the East Tawas Post was originally staffed by Troopers Victor Beck, James MacDonald, and Merwyn Mitchell. They had two patrol cars -- cars 143 and 153. The brick WPA barracks remains in use today. The East Tawas Post serves all of Iosco County and parts of Alcona and Arenac counties.



BAD AXE POST

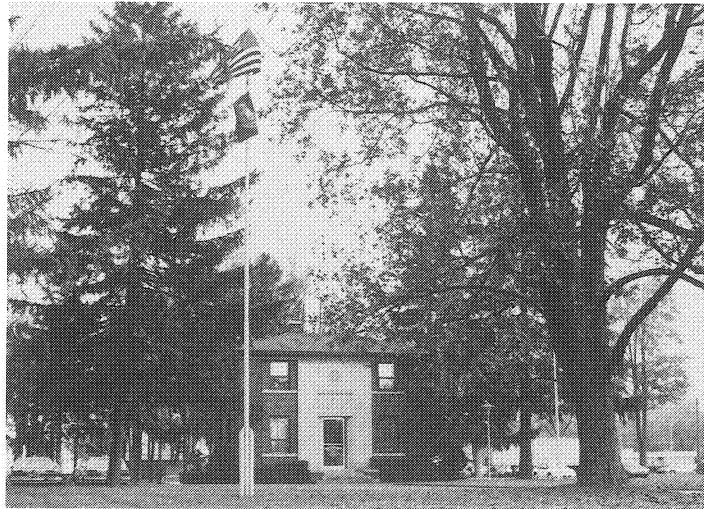
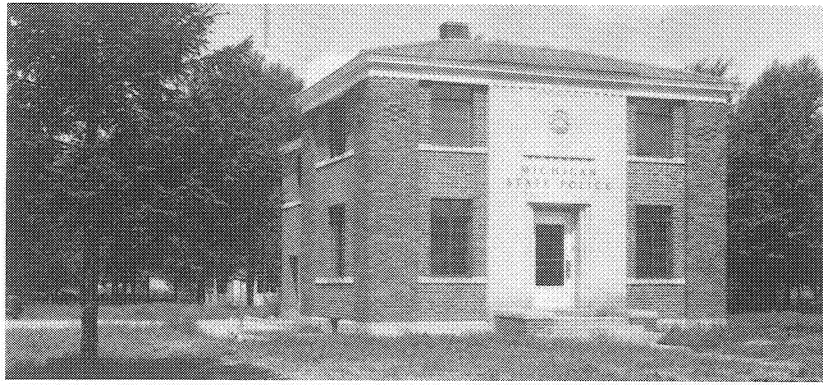
(Post 33)

675 S. VanDyke, Bad Axe, 48413

To handle the growing tourist traffic in Michigan's thumb area, the department established a post at Bad Axe in December, 1935. The post was originally located in a small office on the second floor of the former Peninsular Realty Building at Huron Avenue and Hanselman Street in the business district of Bad Axe. Cpl. George Milligan and Tpr. Harry Biggs shared the office, a telephone, a desk, several chairs, and one patrol car.

To provide the state with a site for a new post, the city purchased two adjacent lots in 1937 for \$200 each on M-53 just outside the city limits. As construction of the brick, WPA barracks progressed, it was discovered that the building had been located 50 feet too far to the east on private land. The department hastily corrected the problem by purchasing this additional lot from its owner, Mr. Robert Rankin, and converting the bulk of the original parcel into a parking lot. Corporal Milligan and three troopers occupied the new post on April 23, 1938.

Bad Axe was the hometown of banker Albert E. Sleeper, who, as Michigan's wartime governor, created the original Michigan State Constabulary in 1917, and signed legislation establishing the permanent Department of Michigan State Police in 1919.

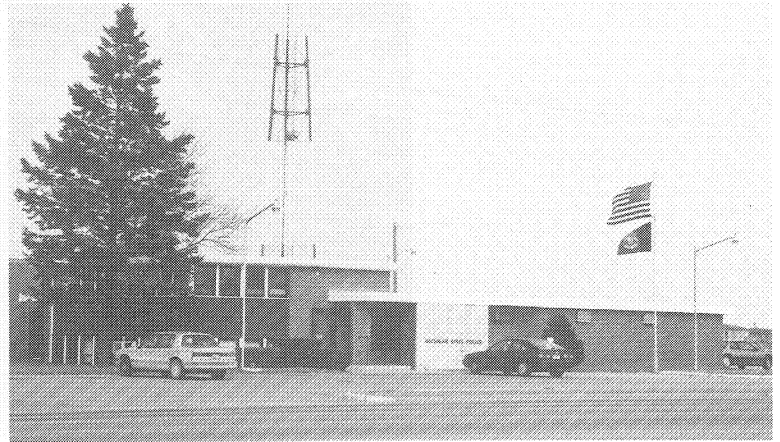


SANDUSKY POST
(Post 34)

90 W. Sanilac, Sandusky, 48471

Following numerous requests for a State Police post in Sanilac County, the department began site selection in 1940. A spirited debate arose between citizens who wanted the post at the county seat of Sandusky, and those who wanted the post located near the village of Lexington. In any event, the Sanilac County Board of Supervisors granted a 99 year lease for a post site on M-46 in Sandusky, 14 miles west of the Lake Huron shoreline.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a \$9,434 allotment for the Works Progress Administration (WPA) to begin building a new post on March 21, 1940. Sgt. Clarkson Ochs spent several months in Sandusky planning operational details for the new post; but Sgt. Hiram Grimason was assigned as the first post commander when the facility opened on July 31, 1941. Of the Sandusky Post's original four troopers, Burt Yungfer has a son in the department and Oliver Sholander has both a son and grandson who are troopers.



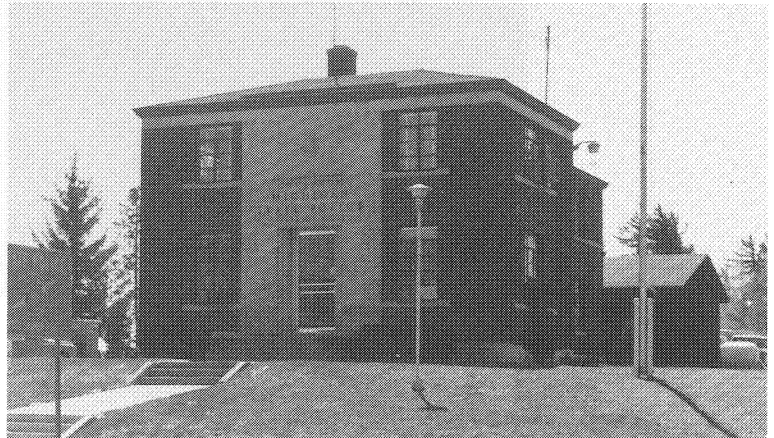
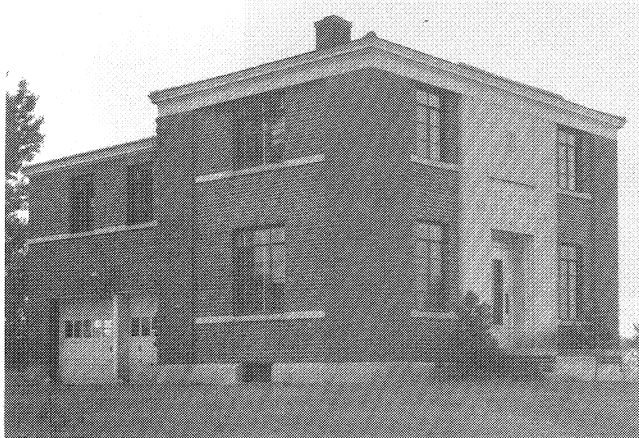
FLINT POST
(Post 35)

G3478 Corunna Road, Flint, 48532

A mounted detachment of the wartime Michigan State Constabulary was first assigned to register resident German aliens and to prevent labor unrest from disrupting war production at the Chevrolet plant in Flint in 1917. A converted warehouse served as barracks.

After the war, the reorganized Michigan State Police leased a house on Avon Street in Flint to serve as headquarters for the Third Troop under Capt. Caesar J. Scavarda. When Scavarda took on additional duties in East Lansing as Uniform Division superintendent and recruit school commander in 1924, staffing at Flint dropped to one trooper. Several men were soon added, and Lt. Walter T. Anderson (at age 93 in 1992, the last surviving member of the original constabulary) became the first Flint Post commander. For several years, the Flint Post commander also served a unique role as fire marshal and parole officer for his district. Bay City replaced Flint as the headquarters post for east-central Michigan when the Third District was established in 1931.

In 1939, the Flint Post was relocated to a new building on Pierson Road, approximately fifteen miles northwest of the Avon Road site (which is now occupied by Mott Community College). Constructed in 1955, the present post facility now also houses the Genesee County Regional Dispatch Center. Three Flint troopers have died in the line of duty; Tpr. Bert Pozza and Tpr. George Lappi were shot by a deranged gunman while answering a disturbance call in 1956, and Tpr. Norman Killough was accidentally shot while serving as an undercover officer during a "sting" investigation of stolen property in 1978.



WEST BRANCH POST
(Post 36)

496 E. Houghton, West Branch, 48661

The first West Branch Post opened in the "Steuernol House" on North First Street on December 8, 1931. Cpl. Earl Secrist commanded Troopers Lynn Smith, Carl Kamhout, and Raymond Loomis. Depression-era budget problems forced the post to close in 1933, but revenues from a new state liquor tax following repeal of prohibition allowed a new West Branch Post to open on August 1, 1934. Troopers George Bath, Merwyn Mitchell, and Lynn Smith joined Cpl. Hiram Grimason in a rented house owned by Ogemaw County Sheriff Jake Husted on a hillside at the west end of town.

In 1937, the post relocated downtown in the upstairs of the Art Nauman store on Washington (Houghton) Avenue. The post moved to its fourth location in May, 1938. This white, one-story house on M-55 east of town was leased from Mr. Gustav Hobohm.

Construction of a new West Branch Post began October 31, 1938. This standard, brick, WPA barracks was completed August 24, 1939, at a cost of \$17,994.51. Cpl. Lynn Smith became the fifth West Branch post commander in 1944 and served in that position until his retirement in 1960.



GLADWIN TEAM
(Team 36-1)

1302 Chatterton, Gladwin, 48624

Established in June of 1978, the Gladwin Team originally occupied office space in the Gladwin Fire Department on East Cedar Street. Sgt. Eugene Cohrs was the first team commander. As part of the department's new team concept, the six troopers assigned at Gladwin were each assigned a patrol car. The team office was used for report writing and prisoner-processing, but each trooper checked in and out with the West Branch Post by radio from their residence at the start and conclusion of each shift.

In September of 1985, Gladwin Team members helped locate the body of 13 year old Shawn Moore in a remote, wooded area of Gladwin County. Subsequent investigation revealed that the victim had been kidnapped in Livingston County. The boy's body was recovered in Gladwin County, and a suspect was arrested in Florida. He is currently serving a life sentence.

In June of 1988, the team relocated to the present modern quarters on Chatterton Street. This move coincided with the addition of a uniform sergeant position to the team.



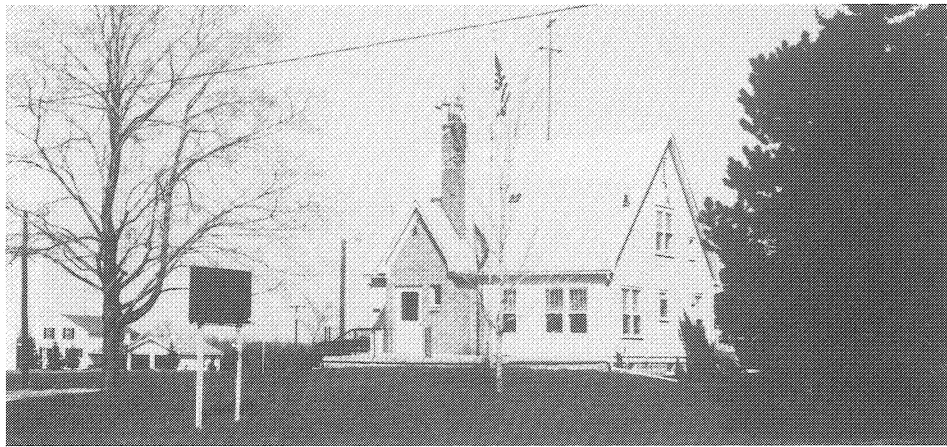
BRIDGEPORT POST
(Post 37)

6280 Dixie Highway, Bridgeport, 48722

Threats of violence and destruction by "night riders" during a price dispute between beet growers and sugar producers brought the first State Police detachment to Saginaw County during the summer of 1920. A lieutenant and three troopers were later joined by a prohibition inspector in a small leased building in Saginaw. The Saginaw Detachment was abandoned soon after mounted troopers dispersed a riotous assembly during a 1922 railroad strike. Lt. Joe Kearney reopened the Saginaw Post in 1924, but lack of funds closed the post again in 1926. The Flint Post patrolled Saginaw County until a new Bay City Post opened late in 1926.

In 1956, Sgt. Clarence A. Beuerle and six troopers opened a post at Bridgeport in a restaurant building at 4448 Williamson. The present post was built on land donated to the state on Dixie Highway in 1957.

Two Bridgeport Post troopers have been wounded by gunfire. During the 1965 investigation of a B & E in progress at Damore Market on Dixie Highway, Tpr. John Fiedler was wounded by shotgun pellets fired by the burglary suspect. While standing in the assistant post commander's office in 1986, Sgt. Charles Brown was wounded in the back by a bullet from a high powered rifle that was fired at the upstairs window of the post. The bullet, however, hit the eaves of an intervening house and ricocheted through a downstairs window striking Sergeant Brown. In 1980, D/Sgt. Dave Hubbard of C.I.S. East Lansing was killed in a car-train accident in the Bridgeport Post area while following a suspect during a surveillance.



LAPEER POST
(Post 38)

975 South Main Street, Lapeer, 48446

During the early 1920's, the State Police stationed a small detachment at Imlay City on an intermittent basis. At one time, two troopers were assigned to keep order during a cement plant strike.

The Flint Post patrolled Lapeer County until August of 1966 when the department opened a new post at Lapeer. Sgt. Raymond Dedenbach, Cpl. Wilbur Bond, and several troopers occupied temporary offices in the rear of the Lapeer City Hall. Lt. Charles Clark succeeded Sergeant Dedenbach as post commander in 1968, and his efforts were largely responsible for the eventual moving of the post into more spacious quarters in a renovated house at Lapeer's southern city limits. The post moved into its present modern facility on land adjacent to the former post on June 11, 1989.

The bloody rampage of a Union Lake man which left two people dead and one seriously wounded in a multi-county crime spree was ended on June 19, 1991, by the alertness of Lapeer Post Sgt. Lon Kenny. He spotted a suspect and continued a lengthy high speed chase despite gunfire from the suspect. The tragic episode ended when the suspect was shot to death by police and his hostage rescued unharmed.



CARO POST
(Post 39)

120 Millwood Street, Caro, 48723

The Caro Post was opened on February 10, 1974, with Lt. Ward Johnson as the first post commander. Of the 15 officers first assigned there, four are still stationed at Caro. Lt. James Hayden replaced Lieutenant Johnson, but Lieutenant Johnson returned when Lieutenant Hayden later transferred. Lieutenants Kenneth Maciejewski, Lee McDowell, Dale LaTulip, Ben Page, and Donald Schummer have also served as Caro Post commanders.

Located on highway M-81 within the village of Caro, the post building has a long history in the local community. Originally built as a carriage factory, it later became a harness factory. Prior to its dedication as a State Police post, the building was the home of the Tuscola County Road Commission. A large portion of the building was destroyed by fire on November 24, 1978, but post personnel joined in a frantic effort to save most of the post files and important papers.

Among the Caro Post's most unusual cases was the 1976 murder of Robin Adams. D/Sgt. Dan Miller began digging into this open case immediately after his assignment to Caro in 1982. Detective Sergeant Miller used the latest scientific methods to pursue the case, including help from a U.S. satellite to scan the area for possible sites of a buried body. Two psychics were even called upon to assist. In 1984, Detective Sergeant Miller arrested a suspect. The convicted murderer is now serving a life sentence in prison.